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St. Luke's Church, Tarboro, N. C.

September 3, 1927.

SATURDAY—8:00 P. M.

Evening services began with the singing of hymn 345 as processional and were conducted by the Rev. M. M. Weston, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Tarboro.

He expressed his pleasure at having the Convocation meet here and particularly so many delegates. He gave a hearty welcome in behalf of the congregation. His words of welcome were supplemented by Bishop Delany. After a closing hymn, the benediction was said by the Bishop and a general get-to-gether social was entered into.

SUNDAY MORNING

The Sunday morning services were begun with the singing of hymn 519, and were conducted by the Rev. E. L. Henderson and the Rev. Wm. B. Crittenden.

The Rev. M. M. Weston then presented two candidates for confirmation who were confirmed by Bishop H. B. Delany.

After hymn 460, the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. F. H. V. Edwards of St. Cyprian's Church, Oxford, N. C. He chose as his text II Corinthians, 8th Chapter, 9th verse:"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."

Subject: "The Example of Christ". He said in part: The graces of Christ teach us to desert sin, and its desecrating influences and to pursue those things that increase the love of the world and lift our eyes to Calvary and an earnest desire to banish wickedness from the face of the earth. Our rise to happiness in this world is due to the grace of Christ, who made it possible by his poverty to make us rich. The church's duty is to send the message of salvation throughout the world.

The Holy Communion was administered by Bishop Delany, assisted by the Rev. M. M. Weston of St. Luke's Church, and the Rev. E. L. Henderson.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session began at 3:45, presided over by the Rev. M. M. Weston. In the absence of Prof. Geo. Love, the Rev. Mr. Henderson took his place and spoke on the subject: "The Church and our Young People." He stressed the fact that it is the duty of the church to impress upon the youth their spiritual duties in

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rendering service to the church as well as to taking the places of their elders in civic affairs.

Speakers on this question were Dr. Black of Rocky Mount and Dean Chas. H. Boyer, of St. Augustine's.

Mr. John J. Green then spoke on the Laymen's Conception of the Needs of the Church. He spoke very feelingly and elaborated on the following needs as he saw them: 1. Need of making stronger efforts towards self support; 2. Better spiritual leadership; 3. The need of co-operation between the clergy and laity; 4. More spirituality and warmth in the religious services; 5. And the need of going out into the highways and hedges and bringing members into the church.

Mr. Geo. C. Pollard followed and stressed the necessity of getting close to the people; to support and stand by the Bishop in all of his efforts in the church's work.

SUNDAY—8:05 P. M.

"The Church's One Foundation," was sung as processional at evening services, which were conducted by the Rev. A. M. Cochran and Rev. J. Herbert Jones.

The Rev. Wm. B. Crittenden then spoke on the subject, "Our Convocation and Some Contributions to its Efficiency." The first trouble about our Convocation is that it doesn't function. He said that it is due to the fact that we must do more ourselves toward self-support.

Lieutenant Lawrence A. Oxley spoke on the subject: "Applied Christianity." He gave a graphic account of the Welfare Work for Negroes being carried on in the State under his direction.

MONDAY MORNING—Sept.. 4

The 26th Annual Convocation was called to order by Bishop Delany. The following ministers and representatives of the various churches and missions were present:

Bishop H. B. Delany.

CHARLOTTE—St. Michael's: Rev. Wm. B. Crittenden, Ed Wilkins, Ed Morse.
DURHAM—St. Titus': Rev. E. L. Henderson.
GREENSBORO—Church of Redeemer:
HENDERSON—Church of Resurrection: Geo. C. Pollard.
LITTLETON—St. Anna's.
LOUISBURG—St. Matthias: Geo. C. Pollard.
MONROE—Holy Trinity: Rev. W. B. Crittenden.
OXFORD—St. Cyprian's: Rev. F. H. V. Edwards.
PITTSBORO—St. James: Rev. A. M. Cochran.
RALEIGH—St. Ambrose: Rev. A. M. Cochran.
RALEIGH—St. Augustine's: C. H. Boyer.

ROCKY MOUNT—Holy Hope: Rev. J. H. Jones.
SALISBURY—St. Phillips: Rev. Wm. B. Crittenden.
SATTERWHITE—St. Simeon's: Rev. F. H. V. Edwards.
STATESVILLE—Holy Cross: Rev. W. B. Crittenden.
TARBORO—St. Luke's:Rev. M. M. Weston, C. M. Dancy, Geo. Mabry.
WARREN CO.—St. Luke's: Robert Harris.
WARRENTON—All Saints—Percy Adams.
WILSON—St. Mark's: Rev. J. H. Johnson.
WINSTON-SALEM—St. Stephen's.

The Bishop appointed the following Cofmittees:

On Credentials—C. M. Dancy, Andrew Peace, Edward Morse.

Finance Committee—Wm. B. Crittenden, Geo. C. Pollard, Jordan Green.

Comittee on Education—Percy Adams, E. L. Henderson, Edson Wilkins.

State of the Church—Revs. J. H. Young, A. M. Cochran, M. M. Weston.

Committee on Resolutions—A. M. Cochran, E. L. Henderson, W. B. Crittenden.

The minutes of the tentative meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the election of officers was postponed for one hour.

The Rev. J. E. McGrier was introduced who made a brief address.

Bishop Delany then read his annual address. On motion the Bishop's address was received and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. T. Algemon White was read by the Rev. A. M. Cochran. On motion the treasurer's report was turned over to the Finance Committee.

Messrs C. H. Boyer and Wm. B. Crittenden were nominated for secretary. Mr. Crittenden was elected.

Messrs A. T. White and Geo. C. Pollard were nominated for treasurer. Mr. Geo. C. Pollard was elected.

Moved and seconded that the Secretary and Treasurer be members of the Executive Committee by virtue of their office. On motion the following members were elected. C. M. Dancy, Chas. H. Boyer, A. M. Cochran.

Letters were read from Mrs. Carrie Broadfoot and Rev. J. T. McDuffie, at Sanatorium, N. C. Moved and carried that the letters etc., be reserved until action of the Committee in the afternoon session.

On motion Rev. M. M. Weston was apointed Historiographer.

A short form of Morning Prayer was conducted by Mr. Geo. C. Pollard.

Dean Chas. H. Boyer then spoke at length on the function of

the Convocation. He read the list of delinquents in Scholarship Fund and Convocation dues and other financial conditions of the Convocation, showing that it was due to the neglect of the missionaries and the ministers-in-charge that the work of the Convocation is lagging. This was chiefly in answer to the criticisms made by the Rev. Wm. B. Crittenden in his address of the night before.

On motion the Resolution Committee was instructed to include expressions of thanks and apppreciation for the faithful services of Mr. A. T. White and Dean Chas. H. Boyer, the retiring treasurer and secretary, respectively. Carried. The meeting then adjourned until 3:30 P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON—Sept. 4

The Convocation was called to order by Bishop Delany. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Patrick, Editor of the Carolina Churchman, was introduced to the Convocation and made a brief address asking co-operation of the Convention in increasing the circulation of the Carolina Churchman and in obtaining news from the various parishes and missions.

The Rev. Jno. B. Brown, Dean of the Colored Council of East Carolina, was then introduced and made a brief address to the Convocation.

Mrs., Ethel Hayes, representing the Bishop Tuttle School Raleigh, read an interesting paper on Child Life.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. C. E. Broadfoot, the subject of "The Church and the N. C. Sanatorium," was discussed by the Rev. E. L. Henderson of St. Titus' Church.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to make the following report:

We have examined the Report of the Treasurer, as submitted, and so far as we can judge, the report seems to be correct. We have been unable to see and examine his books, we have no evidence of rturned checks, no bills received, but simply a printed statement of receipts and disbursements.

We beg to recommend that if the Finance Committee is to pass upon and audit the Treasurer's account that all his vouchers and books be submitted to the Committee for thorough examination and investigation.

The Finance Committee recommends that as early as possible, the Executive Committee shall make out a budget for the Convocation and make out for the new year a list of assessments for the various churches and missions of the Convocation.

The Finance Committee further recommends that all back as-

sessments be wiped out in order that the Convocation can start out to pay its forth-coming assessments promptly and without the embarassment of a debt.

It further recommends that all assessments be sent in to the Treasurer not later than one month before the convening of the Convocation.

It further recommends that no church in arrears shall be entitled to send delegates, and that the eligibility of a delegate shall depend upon a receipt from the treasurer that all assessments have been paid; and that no clerical delegate shall be entitled to transportation fees where charges are in arrears, and who does not come at the opening of the Convocation and remain to the close.

Mr. Green, a representative of Warrenton, expressed the hope that when a Priest is secured for them, they will make some effort to look after the obligation assumed for them through Rev. Bravid W. Harris, and asks the indulgence of the Convocation a little longer.

GEO. C. POLLARD
JOHN J. GREEN
WM. B CRITTENDEN, Chairman.

The report was adopted. Messrs C. M. Dancy, and Chas. H. Boyer requested that they be recorded as opposed to the churches and missions voting themselves out of their honest debts.

On motion it was decided that the place of meeting hereafter, shall be held at the various churches and missions in order in which they appear on the roll.

In view of the fact that the time of annual meeting of the Convocation has for many years been inconveniently near to the usual vacation period and the reopening of the Fall activities in our several parishes and missions, and as a result the attendance upon the sessions has not been just what we wish it might have been; I wish to present the following resolution:

That the time of meeting of our annual convocation shall be fixed for a date between the 1st and 10th days of the month of August. Resolution adopted.

Submitted by

A. MYRON COCHRAN

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

With the conviction that Education is a vital factor in the maintenance of our work, and with the realization that any advancement is contingent upon the proper place accorded that factor called education,we have reached the place in our organized

life when it is expedient for us to review our efforts during the year, and to look with reasonable expectancy, if possible, for results more pronounced and encouraging at the close of another Convocational year. Notwithstanding our efforts to secure the young and bring them up in a Christian home, a Christian school, college and church, are well known in our several communities, we express regret on account of the conditions that the common cause to close the several practical schools which have been existing during the year and in previous years, and we express the hope that wherever possible, efforts will be made to encourage the kindergarten and primary work by the general parishes and missions. We recommend the work of St. Augustine's Junior College and urge the co-operation so needed for the advancement of that college. The report was adopted.

EUGENE L. HENDERSON
EDSON WILKINS
PERCY ADAMS.

On motion the secretary was instructed to send telegrams to Bishop Cheshire, Bishop Penick and the Rev. Mr. McDuffie, expressing regrets at their enforced absence. This was done.

Rev. Bertram Brown of Calvary Church, Tarboro, was introduced to the Convocation and made an apology for his failure to appear on the program the previous evening. He made a very interesting address on missionary work in the country, and the little country towns. He urged that more care and attention be given to the religious training of the young people in the country. They are the mainstay of the country-at-large.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

Rt. Rev. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the State of the Church submit the following:

We note with pleasure a high spirit of sincerity and frankness among the members of the Convocation to renew their efforts, and by the grace of God to carry on the work of the church in this diocese.

We are resolved to relieve the financial embarassments with which we are now hampered by promptly meeting our obligations hereafter.

Having had sufficient reason to believe that Bishop Delany is thoroughly interested in the future of this Convocation, we wish to express our sincere faith in his integrity and we wish to urge upon the clergy and members of our Convocation the importance of sympathetically feeling with him the weight and responsibility of his Episcopal office, frankly, realizing that his success is our

success, and that we cannot emancipate our selves from these obligations.

By the grace of God let us go forth with a new resolve for service in the Master's vineyard.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. MYRON COCHRAN
M. M. WESTON
J. H. JONES, Ch'm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Colored Convocation, Diocese of North Carolina your Treasurer begs to submit the following report.

Receipts

Balance brought forward, (August 27, 1926)	$109.27
August 31-26 St. Ambrose Church (Scholarship fund)	25.00
August 31-26 All Saints Church (Convocation Dues.)	15.00
August 31-26 Church of Redeemer (Convocation dues)	3.00
Aug. 31-26 St. Anna's Missions	7.00
Aug. 31-26 St. Luke's (Warren Co.)	4.25
Aug. 31-26 St. James (Pittsboro)	1.22
Sept. 15-26 St. Anna's (Bal. Convocation)	20.80
Oct. 2-26 St. Mark's Church (For scholarship)	7.50
Aug. 28-27 Sa. Aug. Chapel (Convocation dues)	40.00
	$233..07

Disbursements

Sept. 2-26 C. H. Boyer, salary, postage, telegrams Programs, R. R. Fare, taxi hire	$44.14	
Sept. 2-26 A. T. White, salary & R. R. Fare	30.60	
Dec. 27-26 St. Aug. College (Scholarship)	35.80	
	$110.60	110.60
Balance		$122.47

Report of Bishop's Special Account

Receipts

Balance on hand	$40.00

No expenditures

Respectfully submitted,
A. T. WHITE, Treasurer.
September 3, 1927.

The closing services of the Convocation were presided over by Bishop Delany. Inspirational service conducted by the Rev. J. Herbert Jones.

Addresses were made by the Rev. A. M. Cochran on the subject "Our Church and Financial Support," and by the Rev. Eugene L. Henderson on "Some Requisites for the Advancement of Our Work in the Diocese."

The following resolutions were adopted:

Assembled as we are in this, the Twenty-Sixth session of the Colored Convocation of the Diocese of North Carolina, we are sensible of many situations and relationships which have touched our lives with much helpfulness and pleasure; and before we separate to our various homes and fields of effort in the vineyard of our Heavenly Father, we pause to give expressions to the sentiments which rise from the very depths of our most cordial appreciation.

It has been our good fortune and pleasure for many years to know and evaluate in the highest degree the untiring zeal with which our retiring secretary, Dean Chas. H. Boyer, has served this body. Of the same nature are our sentiments concerning our retiring Treasurer, Mr. A. T. White. We your Committee on Resolutions therefore, submit the following for your adoption: Resolved, that a unanimous vote of thanks and great appreciation be extended Messrs Boyer and White for the great and efficient service they have rendered, as they have served for years as the Secretary and Treasurer respectively, of the Convocation.

And now, whereas we have had here among and with our brethren and friends of St. Luke's, one of the most pleasant and profitable sessions of our Convocation; and

Whereas the hospitality extended by the members and friends of the parish has been of the most generous and cordial sort; therefore;

Be it resolved that the Convocation does here and now express to Brother Weston, his family and to the members and friends of St. Luke's, a vote of thanks and deepest appreciation for the great contribution which they have made to the comfort, the happiness and pleasure of our stay in this unique and interesting city.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MYRON COCHRAN

E. L. HENDERSON

W. B. Crittenden.

Final prayers were said and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Delany and the Convocation adjourned sine die, to meet the next time at St. Michael and all Angels Church, Charlotte.

CHAS. H. BOYER, Secretary.